

High Nines Take Boat Trip; Won't Hold Annual Banquet

It was recently announced that the high ninth graders would take a San Jacinto Battlegrounds boat trip this year instead of the High Nine Banquet usually held.

The high nines will leave Pershing on chartered busses at 9:00 A. M., May 28. No private cars will be allowed to go beyond Pershing because space at the deck is limited. Students will be assigned to busses as a homeroom unit, as each teacher has a list of all students riding on that bus. The homeroom will be accompanied by the homeroom teacher and four parents from the homeroom. No shorts are allowed. They will wear blue jeans or pedal pushers.

Since this is to be for graduation, no guests will be allowed.

For this trip, each teacher, parent, and student going paid \$3.00. This money was divided as follows:

\$1.10—Boat trip.
\$.50—Bus.
\$1.00—Lunch to be prepared by catering service.
\$.40—For 1½ hour stop at the battle grounds.
\$3.00—Total.

Part of the group will see the San Jacinto Monument and Museum, while others will see the Battleship Texas.

After a day well-spent they will leave the Battlegrounds and return to Pershing at 3:30 P. M.

Good Citizens Given Awards For Lunchroom Citizenship

The Booster Club has selected students during the lunch periods in the Cafeteria who showed signs of outstanding citizenship. The students were given a small plastic, red and white disk. This disk was given to their homeroom teachers and citizenship points were given to the student.

The students selected are: Mike Fullas, Karen Cowden, John Williams, Dianne Duncan, Adele Lewis, Janice Orr, Jimmy Hunt, Margo Garrett, Larry Hilt, and Judy Galeener.

Also Lynne Hunzicker, Patsy Bonner, Peter Kellogg, Raymond Thomas, Linda Natkin, Pam Popkins, Gloria Goode, Gale Vereen, Anita Kaiser, and Judy Allen.

Also Judy Webb, Pat Harris, Judy Howell, Linda Bunn, Tom Romberg, Mary Edna Marshall, Hayden Kaden, Bobby Katline, Robert Haminsky, and Amy Chafin.

Also Sheila Ullrich, Dennis Reed, Karen Ann Morris, Pat Davis, Linda Arnold, Charles Driscoll, Jimmy Hall, Becky Brochert, Alice Bell, and Kay Campbell.

Also Heather Darley, Lupe Saenz, Gail Johnston, Vicki Caldwell,

Yvonne Richards, Karen Hutchins, Linette Johnston, Carol Wilson, Gayle Chernoskey, and Elsley Bowman.

Also Don Vickery, Jack McDaniel, Bud Putney, Patty Settle, Betty Blackburn, Mary Ellen Long, Sharon Anderson, Suzie Dreschel, Alene Baermstein, and Mary Virginia Warfield.

Also Joyce Turner, Dale Brown, Suzanne Vaughn, Sandra Marr, Susan Brogran, Besty Fleming, Donna Gibson, Jeanne Mass, Marion Kaplan, Loyce Ray Kent, Dick Cooksey, Richard Bass, Richard Bronning, Mike Mizzew, and Lynn Anderson.

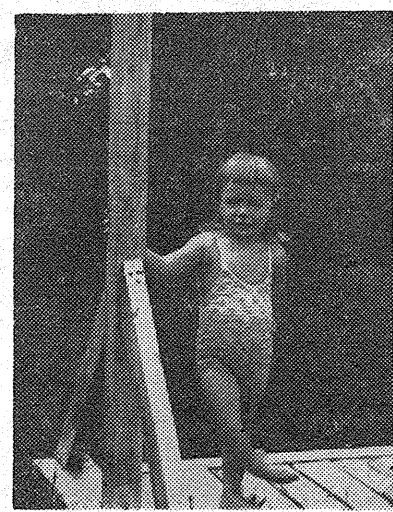
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Panda Cub Album

By Ann Echols

At this tender age you can detect the poise

Which finds its way to the attention of girls and boys.

Here our Panda isn't much in the way of size, But she makes up for that with the friendliness in her face and eyes.

Brown eyes, brown hair, and a cute little nose, Helps tell of the fame she rarely shows.

This little gal grew into "a real sharp kat," Having friends, fun, and honors at that.

She joined us from Jackson, making her way Into our social whirl, most people say.

If we study the picture, maybe it will show us Where she gets nonchalance and personality plus.

Unscramble the letters and guess her name:

TNLEEJE REAGAN

Stray Birds Stop To Visit Pershing!

Recently the Pershing School office has become a resting place for tired parakeets. Two of the small birds have visited Pershing within the last eight weeks.

The first parakeet, a blue one, was brought to the office by a member of Mrs. Timmons' class at the early part of this term. The bird had flown into the room during class.

Another parakeet was brought to the office on March 17th. This time it was a green one which had also flown into the school. He stayed in the Sound Control Room until a cage was obtained, and then the parakeet was coaxed into it.

CLIPPING CLUB

A new service club this year is the Clipping Club. Its purpose is to cut out pictures and stories of interest in science, social studies, and art. The pictures and stories will be given to the library.

There are 23 members in the club, which is sponsored by Mrs. Ruth LaVerne.

The officers are: Mary Klare, president; Kay Millet, vice president; Larry Gunter, secretary; Harry Marsh, treasurer; Bob Hellums, sergeant-at-arms, and Charlotte Sparks, file keeper.

AUDUBON CLUB KEEPS SCHOOL ATTRACTIVE

One of the busiest clubs in Pershing is Mrs. Nettie Barnes' Junior Audubon Club. The club's main objective is to keep our school attractive, new, and modern.

Mrs. Barnes and her club members have gone all out to improve our campus.

They have worked with the Booster Club in supplying new plants for the planters. The money for this project came from the Booster Club.

The new plants alone cost \$240! Also the club is planning to buy bird feeders to put up around the school grounds.

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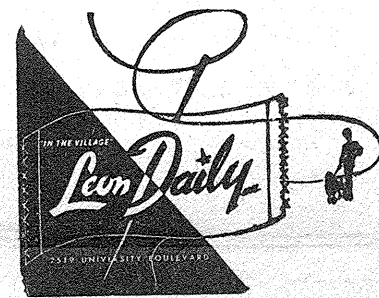
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Dianne Duncan And Richard Harris Legion Winners

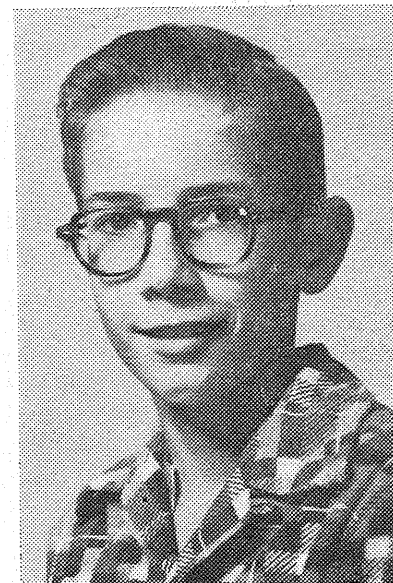
NHS Initiates Now Officially Members

On Friday, April 22, the National Junior Honor Society of Pershing carried out the initiation and induction into the Society of the new members.

The initiates cooperated fully in wearing the costumes they had been instructed to wear. Although the initiates were dressed peculiarly, it is to their credit that they behaved in a manner which showed the seriousness of the purpose of the initiation. Onlookers, however, could not keep from laughing.

The induction was performed in a very effective manner. The speeches made by Mr. John A. Ratliff, principal, and Mr. C. V. Denson, assistant principal, as well as those given by the old members of the Honor Society, served to bring out the high ideals and purpose of the Society. The new members and their parents made a very attentive audience, thereby adding to the effectiveness of the induction.

The social after the induction showed the hard work put into it by the Social and Refreshment Committees. There were dancing, refreshments, and a grand march. Everyone enjoyed himself fully.



RICHARD HARRIS



DIANNE DUNCAN

Clean-Up Campaign Is Now Underway

The Booster Club is sponsoring the Pershing clean-up campaign for 1955. Mr. Charles Williams is in charge.

Each homeroom was sent a check list. This is a printed form asking the students to clean woodwork, windows, desks, lockers, and cabinets, and to arrange the bulletin boards neatly.

After each of the jobs have been

completed the form is turned in to the Booster Club.

A poster has been placed near the office door listing each homeroom. When a room has turned in its completed form it will get a silver star by its name.

Some suggestions made by club members were: to ring doorbells asking the people to pick up trash and debris from their yards, to advertise in the newspapers, and to go on the radio asking people to help.

Pugie Cornwell, president of the Booster Club, and Claire Emmott, secretary, want to ask each student to help by picking up some paper off the school grounds.

Barbara Grevsky Is City Spelling Champ

Recently Barbara Grevsky, of Miss L'Neil Starkey's L-8 homeroom defeated contestants from the other junior high and elementary schools of Houston to represent Pershing in the national spelling bee at Washington, D.C.

For this she received, in addition to the trip to Washington, a Zenith Trans-Oceanic short wave radio set. She was aided and coached by Mrs. Mattie Mae Lewis, who also conducted last year's spelling bee.

To win first place Barbara had to spell down approximately 65 Pershing contestants. Then she had to compete against contestants from the elementary and junior high schools in this area, after which she spelled against the other area champions of Houston to prove herself the best speller of grades one through eight in the Houston Independent School District.

This gave her the honor of competing against champion spellers from the other school districts of the United States. When we went to press it was not known how she ranked in the national contest.

Junior Hi-Y's Visit Louisiana Camp

Delegates from the Junior Hi "Y" Clubs of Pershing left for Camp Windywood, Alexandria, Louisiana, on Friday, April 30.

Mr. Harvey Skinner and Mr. Joe McMillan will be in charge.

The trip lasted three days. The purpose of the trip was to teach proper handling of official duties for president, vice president, secretary, chaplain, and regular members.

There were several conferences, panel group meetings, and lectures. There were also films, for both entertainment and teaching.

The seventh, eighth, and ninth grade clubs were represented by certain delegates. They were: Biff Walker, Billy Lester, Don Eckhardt, Steve Parker, Tom Hewitt, Jim Howze, Bobby Craig, Storey Lindsey, Andy Horne, and Ralph Blackburn.

There was a dance Saturday night, delegates attending. Transportation was by car.

Student Council Active In Pershing

Did you ever wonder who directs many of the activities that do not come under regular classroom work? Well, it is the Student Council. There is a representative from each homeroom. They are elected by their homerooms for one year. The qualifications are no more than 2 e's and an "H" in Conduct.

The Student Council was in charge of the recent election for cheerleaders and councilmen-at-large. Ballots came in from all homerooms and were tallied by the Student Council members.

At the assemblies on April 19, 20 and 22, the president of the Student Council, Bob Johnson, was a member of the boards sponsored by the Homemakers Club.

There has been a recent change in the roster of the Student Council. (Continued on Page 7)

Dunivan And Williams Are Runners-Up

Pershing winners of this year's American Legion awards are Dianne Duncan and Richard Harris. Runners-up for the awards were Dianne Dunivan and John Williams.

The two winners were chosen for their outstanding scholarship, leadership, citizenship, service, character, and companionship (girls only).

Dianne, who beat out 21 competitors for the honor, has a number of other awards to her credit. She is a member of the National Honor Society, has received four scholarships, has been homeroom secretary three times, class chairman four times, intramural team captain for two years, and expects to take another scholarship this year.

Richard is also a member of the National Honor Society. Plus that, he's Editor-in-Chief of the CHATTER, has never made a "B" on his report card, is active in the Air Explorer Squadron No. 1, has served as sports editor of the CHATTER and as a traffic and hall patrol. He was also president of his homeroom once.

Mr. Henry A. Schumacher of Legion Post No. 77, presenter of these awards to Pershing, made the chief address and gave the awards to Dianne and Richard at assembly Friday.

The Legion awards are made twice a year to the outstanding high nine boy and girl in schools

throughout the nation. They are considered to be the highest honors which a junior high school student may receive.

Dianne expects to carry on her scholastic achievements at the new Bellaire high school next year. She wants to go to Texas University after high school, and would like to eventually be either a commercial artist or a model.

Richard plans to attend Rice Institute, after high school at Lamar, where he will major in Aeronautical Engineering.

Runners-up Dianne Dunivan and John Williams are also both members of the National Honor Society. They have served as chairmen of several classes and have won a number of scholarships between them.

Dianne has been president of her homeroom once and has served on the Student Council. John is president of the projection club and has been chosen to serve on the Student Council three times. He recently won first, second, and third place in the photography contest.

Other students vying for the awards were: Toni Berrong, Ann Echols, Janet Galeener, Dianne Gibson, Emily Hamrick, John Johnson, Patricia Harrison, Sue Hartgrove, Harriet Hocker, Jamie Holt, Sharon Langston, Marianne Miller, Marilyn Mott, Judy Mount, Peggy O'Neal, Judy Rudledge, Judie Strader, Dianne Van Eaton, Joyce Von Boeckman, and Patty Weber, girls.

Boys in the running were: Henry Barrett, Andy Horn, Bob Johnson, Mack Kidd, Gus Koerner, Larry Moore, Jerry Perkins, Perry Radoff, Jim Reid, Joe Taylor, and Delbert Turner.

LIFE - SAVING TESTS IN GYM

Twenty-two girls in Miss Betty Gray's fourth period Junior Life Saving class have passed the course on the methods of life saving and survival in the water.

They will receive a card certifying that they are Junior Life Savers.

The girls are: Maxine Brand, Ann Broesche, Lynda Cooke, Ginny Dowell, Melinda Felker, Ann Fitch, Sue Jones, Letitia Kinzback, Ella Lester, Sherry Lundstrom, Sandra Kay McDonald, Wendy Melchior, Penny Moncus, Pat Settle, Carolyn Simms, Cathy Smith, Merry Ann Swanson, Marilyn Thomason, and Judy Young.

Some of the things the girls had to do were swim 18 lengths; apply artificial respiration 12 times a minute; take off clothes in water; learn all the releases; learn the different carries; know what to do if you start to get tired when saving a drowning victim; and know how to help a tired swimmer.

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